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SUBJ: GOT AGREES TO RESIDENT NORTH KOREAN MISSION

REF: (A) TUNIS 4300

(B) TUNIS 3410

1. MONGI KOOLI, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, INFORMED AMBASSADOR AT DINNER JULY 15 THAT GOT HAD AGREED ON THAT DAY TO PERMIT ESTABLISHMENT IN TUNIS OF NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC MISSION. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR MOON TOLD AMBASSADOR JULY 16 THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO ENDEAVOR TO PERSUADE GOT TO WITHHOLD PERMISSION FOR ACTUAL STAFFING OF RESIDENT NORTH KOREAN MISSION UNTIL END OF YEAR. HE WILL MAKE CASE THAT, HOPEFULLY, BY THAT TIME TENSIONS BETWEEN TWO KOREAS WILL HAVE EASED AND NORTH KOREA WILL BE ACTING LESS PROVOCATIVELY.

2. WHEN AMBASSADOR RECALLED PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA'S SUPPOSED ASSURANCES TO SOUTH KOREANS TWO MONTHS AGO THAT GOT WOULD NOT ACCEPT RESIDENT NORTH KOREAN MISSION IN TUNIS (REF B), MOON COMMENTED THAT BOURGUIBA'S
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ASSURANCES THAN IN TERMS OF GOT'S INCLINATIONS. HE NOTED THAT KOOLI, CURRENTLY ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, SEEMS TO FAVOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS MISSION TUNIS AND COULD WELL HAVE INFLUENCED PRESIDENT.

3. ON OTHER SIDE OF COIN, AMBASSADOR MOON STATED THAT DURING CALL HE MADE ON SECRETARY OF STATE KOOLI TWO WEEKS AGO, KOOLI HAD REAFFIRMED GOT POSITION THAT GOT WILL NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION TO NAC, AND WILL SUPPORT SOUTH KOREAN APPLICATION IF NORTH KOREA DRAWS MAJORITY SUPPORT. ACCORDING TOMOON, KOOLI WENT EVEN FURTHER BY INDICATING GOT PREPARED TAKE ACTIVE ROLE AT NAC. HOWEVER, MOON EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT ACCEPTANCE OF NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION BY NAC MAJORITY IS ALMOST CERTAINTY.
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